

We claim:

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1. A review and approval system for media content, said system comprising:
    - a player for playing said media content; said media content consisting of a plurality of frames of digital data;
    - a comment receiver for receiving comments pertaining to one or more of said frames of said media content; and
    - a storage manager for storing said comments in correspondence with said frames of digital data.
  2. The review and approval system of claim 1 wherein said media content is video data ordered by time code.
  3. The review and approval system of claim 1 wherein said media content is Quicktime video data.
  4. The review and approval system of claim 1 further including:
    - a review and approval administration interface for receiving a list of one or more reviewers to provide said comments.
  5. The review and approval system of claim 1 wherein said comments are text.

6. The review and approval system of claim 1 wherein said comments are voice comments.

7. The review and approval system of claim 1 wherein said player and said comment receiver execute on a first computer system and said storage manager executes on a second computer system, and said first and second computer systems are coupled by a communications network.

8. A review and approval system for reviewing media content by a reviewer and capable of communicating with a media editing system, said system comprising:

a player for playing said media content; said media content consisting of a plurality of frames of digital data;

a comment receiver for receiving comments by said reviewer, corresponding to one or more of said frames of said media content; and

a storage manager for storing said comments in correspondence with said frames of digital data, and

a file generator for producing a data file of said comments for informing said media editing system of said comments by said reviewer.

9. The review and approval system of claim 8 wherein said data file has a data structure identifying said reviewer and said comment of said reviewer.

10. The review and approval system of claim 8 wherein said datafile has a data structure identifying a frame rate for playing said media content.

11. The review and approval system of claim 8 wherein said datafile has a data structure identifying said frames of digital data and corresponding said comments.

12. The review and approval system of claim 8 wherein said datafile indicates that said datafile contains said comments of said review and approval system. ~~13.~~

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13. The review and approval system of claim 8 wherein said media content is video data ordered by timecode.

*14.* 14. The review and approval system of claim 8 wherein said media content is audio data.

*15.* 15. The review and approval system of claim 8 wherein said media content is Quicktime video data.

*15* 16. The review and approval system of claim 8 further including:

a review and approval administration interface for receiving a list of one or more reviewers to provide said comments.

*16-17.* 17. The review and approval system of claim 8 wherein said comments are text.

- 17 18. The review and approval system of claim 8 wherein said comments are voice comments.

18 19. The review and approval system of claim 8 wherein said player and said comment receiver execute on a first computer system and said storage manager executes on a second computer system, and said first and second computer systems are coupled by a communications network.

19 20. A computer program product, comprising:  
a computer readable medium; and  
computer readable instructions stored on the computer readable medium, wherein the instructions , when executed by a computer to instruct the computer to perform a process for reviewing a media content and providing comments by a user with respect to the media content, comprising:  
playing said media content; said media content consisting of a plurality of frames of digital data;  
receiving comments pertaining to one or more of said frames of said media content; and  
storing said comments in correspondence with said frames of digital data.

21: A computer program product, comprising:

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a computer readable medium; and  
  
computer readable instructions stored on the computer readable medium, wherein  
the instructions , when executed by a computer to instruct the computer to perform  
a process for reviewing a media content and providing comments by a user with  
respect to the media content and communicating the comments to a editing  
system, comprising:

playing said media content; said media content consisting of a plurality of  
frames of digital data;

receiving comments by the user, corresponding to one or more of said  
frames of said media content; and

communicating the comments of the user to said editing system.

a frame rate for playing said media content to said editing system.

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22. The computer program product of claim 21 wherein the process for  
reviewing a media content and providing comments by a user with respect to the  
media content and communicating the comments to a editing system further  
includes communicating frames of digital data and corresponding said comments  
to the editing system.

23. The computer program product of claim 21 wherein the process for reviewing a media content and providing comments by a user with respect to the media content and communicating the comments to a editing system further includes communicating to the editing that the communicated comments originated at the review and approval system.

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